



PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Vacation trip fraud

Leamington Police are warning the public about another in what seems to be a growing and endless number of frauds.

A Leamington woman was called last night by a man who stated he represented Florida Travel International. He said that the woman's name was taken from a ballot at the Leamington Tomato Festival. The caller told her that she had won a trip and asked her for her credit card number. The woman was immediately suspicious and notified police.

There are numerous internet entries identifying Florida Travel International as possibly being involved in fraudulent activity. From checking other online complaints the person receiving the call has to make a decision about the trip immediately, so they are not given time to investigate to see if the prize is legitimate.

This type a scam is very common. The victim gets called and notified that they won something, in this case a free trip. The victim is advised that they have to pay for the flight or some other expense which will be charged to their credit card.

Police continue to remind the public never give any personal information, credit card numbers, or bank account numbers or to anyone over the phone.

Constable Kevin O'Neil